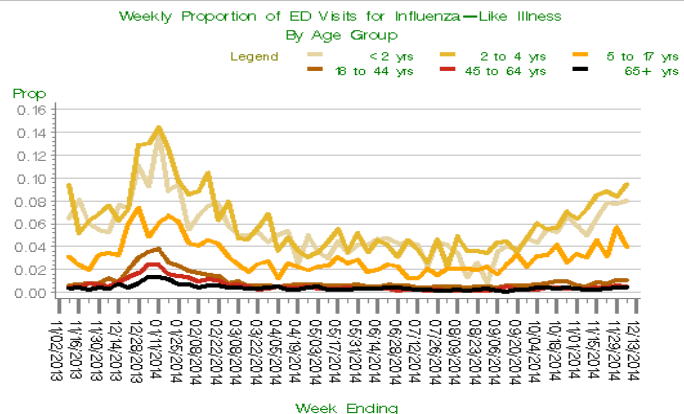
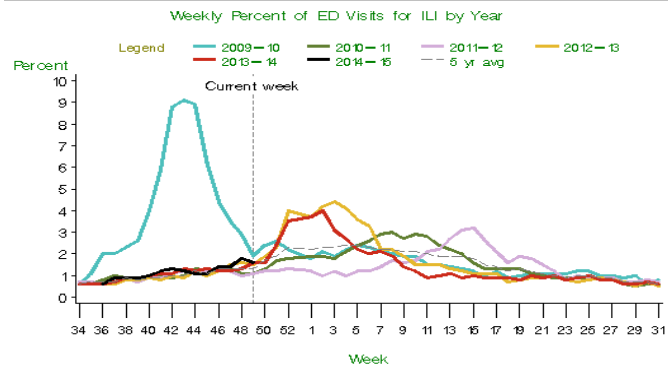




Influenza activity continued to be detected at relatively low levels in King County, with an increase in laboratory reports of influenza positive specimens. Initial positive specimens from outpatient surveillance and from reporting hospital laboratories have been identified as influenza A, and a small number of influenza B infections have been detected by the University of Washington (UW) Virology laboratory and other reporting hospital laboratories. King County received its first report of a laboratory-confirmed influenza-related death; the case was a 105-year-old male and laboratory-confirmed as influenza B. No reports of outbreaks of influenza-like illness (ILI) were reported from long-term care facilities (LTCFs) during the week ending 12/6/2014. The proportion of emergency department visits attributable to ILI was elevated among children under age five. During the week ending 12/06/2014, the University of Washington Virology laboratory saw an increased number of specimens positive influenza A and B, as well as circulating rhinovirus, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and parainfluenza.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since September 28, 2014
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths	1	1
King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers		
Specimens Submitted	14	44
Proportion Positive for Influenza	35.7%	Season Peak: 35.7%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	3	5
A (Unknown)	2	3
B	0	1
Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions		
Number of Labs Reporting	3	Weekly Average: 5
Number of Specimens Submitted	97	Weekly Average: 103
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	12.4%	Season Peak: 13.0%
Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	1.6%	Season Peak: 1.8%
Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P & I)	2.2%	--
National Epidemic Threshold	6.6%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 0
Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)	0	1
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza Outbreaks	0	1



Note: 5 yr avg excludes the current season and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic period
Last updated Dec 7, 2014 ; 'current week' is week ending Dec 6, 2014

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Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance:

www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance:

<http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2014-15.pdf>

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5100/420-100-FluUpda>

National Influenza Update:

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Global Influenza Update:

www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/

